

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, for more than forty years our country and our state have recognized older Americans during the month of May and honored them for their contributions to their communities and their sacrifices in securing the blessings of freedom for all of us; and

WHEREAS, over the next two decades, our state's senior population is expected to double, increasing the effort needed to help them remain independent and active in their communities and advance their quality of life; and

WHEREAS, supporting the creation of senior-friendly communities and a strong network of senior services will help provide South Carolina's growing population of older residents with a happier and more prosperous retirement; and

WHEREAS, the theme for this year's observance of Older Americans Month, "Older Americans: Making Choices for a Healthy Future," prompts us to recognize and honor the need to provide older residents of the Palmetto State with the tools to stay healthy and vigorous.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2007 as

OLDER SOUTH CAROLINIANS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to honor our 740,000 seniors, recognize their many contributions, and support their families, caregivers, and the organizations that provide opportunities for every resident of the Palmetto State to age with independence and dignity.



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA